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THE CRIMINAL COURT.

The people of Halifax have been subjected to a great hardship and gross injustice this week.

The injustice lies in the failure of the criminal court to hold session this week. A large number of jurors and witnesses were at the court house on Monday ready to do their duty to the State, but there was no judge to hold court.

This is a great injustice to the tax payers of the county; for a conservative estimate will place the extra cost to the county at \$1,000. It is an injustice to the thirty prisoners in jail waiting for trial.

We do not attempt to say who is to blame, for under the circumstances we can not locate the fault. As we understand the statute creating the court two years ago Judge Meares' term expired with the convening of the Legislature. If that is true the Legislature ought to have known it and ought to have made provision for the holding of the court.

However it is, Halifax county has been imposed upon and every citizen of the county has to bear his part of it. And yet we are told that this is legislative reform!

TEACHERS AND PARENTS.

The training of children at home is one of the most important duties of parents. Taken in all its bearings it is as important that parents properly train their children as it is that they furnish them good clothes and wholesome food. The training of children in schools imposes grave responsibilities on teachers; and the proper training of children in school involves some things that perhaps few teachers carefully consider.

"Nemo's" letter to THE COMMONWEALTH this week is packed so full of useful hints to teachers and parents that we urge every parent and every teacher who may see this paper to read it carefully. He discusses Education from a standpoint of child-study that ought to claim the attention of parents and teachers, and offers suggestions that are worth remembering. Indeed that one article is worth the subscription price of the paper for one year. Read it on first page.

SPRING HOPE NEWS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

SPRING HOPE, N. C., Feb. 20, 1897. Mr. S. L. Lamb, one of our oldest citizens and one of the pioneers of the town, died a few days ago, after a painful illness of several weeks. His remains were followed by many friends to his old place about four miles from town, where his body was buried. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss. He was a good citizen. He commenced business here when the town was first started and continued in business until about the 1st of January, when he sold out on account of bad health.

Mrs. I. E. Norman and daughter, Miss Nannie, have returned from a visit to relatives and friends at Raleigh. Miss Mand Upchurch has gone to attend school at Louisburg. Mr. J. J. Spivey is out again attending to business. He has had a severe attack of the grip. Your correspondent is also just recovering from an attack of the grip. It has been very severe in town and surrounding country.

Mess. B. N. Harper and C. M. Griffin, young men of good business qualities, have associated themselves together in business and occupy the house formerly occupied by Mr. Harper, which they are having repainted. Mr. R. E. Copeland, who conducts the sales stable here for Edwards & Bros., of Wilson, is now kept busy selling mules and horses. Mr. Edgar Matthews, of Ringwood, has accepted a position in the drug department of Woodard & Copeland.

Now & Then.

Dr. S. T. Nicholson, a son of old Halifax, is one of the most energetic and successful citizens of Washington, N. C. When he puts hands to things they move. His latest project is the Washington Fair which will come off next week. See the advertisement of it on next page. The opening address will be delivered by Hon. John H. Small of Washington. Halifax people will be glad to go and see the charming town of Washington.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

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around legislation; that somebody was to blame for this; that something wrong had been done; that the clerk should have held the bill.

The speaker was called on by Mr. Duffy and Mr. McKenzie for a ruling and said that after the bill had come from the senate and passed the house a motion lodged to reconsider was void and could not stop enrollment.

Bills were passed as follows: To levy a special tax to build a bridge over Roanoke river in Halifax and Northampton counties.

The bill to make railway passenger fare 1 1/2 and 2 cents per mile was lost by vote of 57 to 54.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY—THURSDAY, FEB. 18.

Following are some of the bills and resolutions, introduced:

By Senator Rollins, to provide for the representation of North Carolina at the Tennessee centennial, providing for the appointment of a board of managers, composed of nine members, including the governor and the board of agriculture, and appropriating \$10,000.

Senator Grant offered a resolution that the president of the senate appoint a committee of seven to investigate the memorial of the president and directors of the North Carolina railroad relative to the lease of said road to the Southern railway.

The bill to establish a reform school for young criminals in the state came up again, and the bill passed its third reading—aye, 36; noes, 10.

The bill introduced by Senator Alexander to fix 1899 as the time when the act ratified a few days ago allowing live stock to go at large in Halifax county three months in the year, shall go into effect, caused considerable debate.

Senator Clark said his venerable mother had sealed his lips by entreating him not to oppose this bill.

One senator stated that while at the state farms a few days ago he saw droves of hogs and cattle feeding on growing wheat at the state farms and found that people had turned them loose as soon as they heard Senator Clark's bill had become a law. He declared Senator Clark's bill the most outrageous and unjust he ever knew and said the people of Halifax were up in arms about it.

A negro senator named Person tried to defeat Senator Alexander's bill and a populist said Clark's bill had been presented to the negroes during the campaign and that 2,000 votes were secured by it. The bill passed—40 to 45.

HOUSE.—Following were some of the House transactions:

A bill by Mr. Lyle, to require the attendance of all children between 8 and 14 years of age at school.

By Mr. Dockery, to designate holidays (legal) to be: January 1st, January 19th, February 22nd, May 10th, May 20th, May 30th, July 4th, first Monday in September, December 25th and all Saturdays from noon until midnight.

By Mr. Currie, to allow Lumberton to vote on sewer bonds.

By Mr. Hileman, to require cotton mills to pay their employees the second Saturday night following their employment and making it unlawful to longer withhold their wages, the offense to be a misdemeanor and the penalty a fine or imprisonment.

The bill to require railways to give the railroad commissioners and their clerk free passes, also to give the commission jurisdiction of telephones and street cars came up.

Mr. White, of Randolph, offered an amendment to strike out all the first section (which requires free passes to be given) and the amendment was adopted—yeas, 50; noes, 46.

The bill as amended then came up on its third reading and passed—yeas, 61; noes, 33.

Bills passed requiring county commissioners of each county to meet on the first Monday in June and revise the jury lists.

A resolution which had passed the senate came over proposing to adjourn from next Tuesday until Thursday in order to visit the Newbern fair.

Mr. White, of Randolph, opposed the resolution and moved to table it.

The motion to table was lost, and the resolution passed its second reading—yeas, 50; noes, 49. There was applause at this.

To allow the people of Lagrange to vote on the question of license or no license.

To incorporate the town of Roanoke Rapids, Halifax county.

To allow graduates of Asheville normal and collegiate institute to teach in any public schools without examination.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY—FRIDAY, FEB. 19.

SENATE.—Among the most interesting transactions of the day were: Bills—By Senator Maulsby, to regulate the sale of liquor in Columbus county.

By Senator Clark, to regulate challenge of jurors.

By Senator Parker, of Alamance, for protection of newspapers for publication of news in good faith. Its text is as follows:

Section 1. Whenever a publisher of a newspaper in the conduct of business as publisher of news, shall in such newspaper make a false publication,

injurious to the reputation of any person, which, if true, would be of such public interest as would justify its publication in such newspaper as public news, it shall be the duty of the person thereby injured, by such publication, by himself or agent, to notify said publisher or his agent that said publication is untrue and demand publication of a correction, and if said publisher shall upon such demand in good faith publish, without delay, suitable and ample correction, calculated and intended to repair the wrong, and shall on demand state the name of his informant or the source of his information, the same being a credible person or a credible source; then and in that case no action shall be maintained against the publisher of said newspaper for damages because of said injurious publication; provided that nothing in this act shall apply to statements published in any newspaper or signature of any person as a card or an advertisement.

Bills disposed of: To provide for school building for deaf and dumb. This carries an appropriation of \$20,000.

In a message from the house came the bill to prescribe terms upon which foreign railroad corporations shall be allowed to operate railroads and transit business in this state. This bill is the famous North Carolina railroad amendment bill.

Senator McCaskey demanded the roll call. The bill was referred—aye, 26; noes, 24.

HOUSE.—Bills:

By Mr. Dockery, to amend The Code so that in case a mother be dead inheritance shall rest in her issue and representatives of such as be dead.

Also to amend The Code by adding that in case of death of such child without issue his personal estate shall be distributed among the issue of such mother or representatives of such issue as may be dead, this act to apply to existing unsettled estates.

By Mr. Gallop, to allow the free passage of fish in Currituck Sound.

By Mr. Chapman, to prohibit the sale of liquor, beer or wine outside the limits of incorporated towns or cities.

By Mr. Hauser, to prohibit the setting of nets and fish traps in Contentnea creek.

By Mr. Hancock, to increase the appropriation to the state guard from \$6,000 to \$16,000 annually and the annual allowance to each company from \$100 to \$200.

The senate bill was taken up, to stimulate local taxation for schools, by allowing the state board of education to use as much as \$20,000 to rural districts which for three successive years vote to tax themselves, gifts to in sums of \$50, 75, and \$100 a year.

Mr. Dixon, of Cleveland, said this was an excellent bill, and it passed its several readings.

To amend charter of Springhope, Nash county.

The bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the three insane asylums was taken up. It gives \$100,000 to the Western hospital at Morganton, \$63,000, to the asylum at Raleigh and \$43,000 to the Eastern hospital at Goldsboro. Robeson and Durham counties are transferred to the asylum at Raleigh. For the purchase of an electric plant at the Eastern hospital \$2,500 is allowed.

Mr. Hauser offered an amendment to make the appropriation to the Morganton hospital \$90,000.

Mr. Abernethy offered an amendment to make it \$80,000.

Mr. White, of Randolph, populist, offered an amendment making the appropriation to the Raleigh asylum \$55,000 and to the Goldsboro \$40,000.

The debate was long and warm between the republicans and populists.

Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, who was in charge of the bill, demanded the previous question. The amendments were all overwhelmingly voted down and the bill passed.

At night session bills passed: The bill to appropriate \$5,000 annually for the training of colored teachers was explained by Young, who said it was drawn on the lines suggested by Dr. Curry and had the unanimous approval of the committee on education.

To work the public roads in Northampton by taxation.

To establish a dispensary in Bladen county.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY—SATURDAY, FEB. 20.

SENATE.—Bills introduced:

To allow express matter to be transported on Sundays.

To incorporate Elizabeth college for the education of white females at Charlotte.

To prescribe the liabilities of railroads in certain cases. (This is the "fellow servant bill." Every senator was in favor of the bill and without any remarks the bill unanimously passed and is now a law.

Afternoon. Bills passed:

To better secure the enforcement of criminal law. This gives the board of county commissioners power to employ local counsel to assist the solicitor in capital cases.

The bill was taken up to amend section

1199 and 1200 of The Code so as to give a prisoner the right to ten peremptory challenges and to give the state the same number.

Senator Parker, of Alamance, spoke at length in support of the bill, saying the law now gave the prisoner the right to twenty-three peremptory challenges, whereas the state has only four. The amendment proposed gives the state an equal right and places both prisoner and the state on an equal footing, by giving each ten peremptory challenges.

Senator Ray opposed the bill, saying it was not good to undo law that had stood for ages simply because some people think miscarriage of justice has happened recently in a certain county (Durham). If any advantage is to be had, the prisoner should certainly have it, because the state always has the smartest and shrewdest lawyers, besides being backed by the treasury of the state.

Senator Anthony favored the bill, saying the prisoner has far too many advantages over the state.

Senator Smathers thought there were altogether too many challenges allowed the defendant and he favored a reduction in the number.

Senator Scales offered an amendment to strike section 2 of the bill out. This would leave the defendant ten peremptory challenges and the state the same number as now, (four). The amendment was adopted. The bill as amended passed its second and third readings.

HOUSE.—Bills introduced:

By Mr. Candler, to provide a dispensary for Asheville.

By Mr. Hileman, to pay solicitors \$200 per month after January 1st next.

By Mr. Hileman, to provide that the treasurer shall collect from all persons or corporations doing banking business under state license 1 per cent of the capital stock which has actually been paid in by the stockholders and that he shall use this fund to pay guarantees of any loss to the state. Banks which refuse for ten days to pay this 1 per cent shall be closed and a receiver shall be appointed.

By Mr. Harris, to incorporate the Scotland Neck Training and Industrial school.

By Mr. Pool, to pay surveyors for surveying lands in dispute \$5 per day instead of \$2.

The house took up as the special order the bill of Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, as follows:

That from and after ratification of this act it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture, sell or give away any cigarettes of any kind or character whatsoever called, in any cover, whether paper or otherwise, or any thing as substitute therefor in any form, in the state of North Carolina, or for any person, corporation or firm to sell or give away the same in this state, whether manufactured in this state or elsewhere. That any person, firm or corporation who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned or both in the discretion of the court.

Mr. Sutton spoke with intense earnestness in support of the bill and said the committee had stricken out the part forbidding the manufacture of cigarettes; that this was a compromise—the best that could be done—and that thus amended the bill was favorably reported. He had read as part of his remarks a letter from Dr. R. H. Lewis, of Raleigh, showing the frightful effects of cigarette smoking and said this terrible vice cost the lives of 200 persons in North Carolina annually, that Dr. Murphy, of the Western hospital, had told him of persons made insane by smoking cigarettes. He grew pathetic as he told of the death of his own son from cigarette smoking. He said Iowa and Tennessee had passed such a law.

Mr. Lusk offered a substitute.

Mr. Sutton called the previous question.

The call was sustained. The vote was on Mr. Lusk's substitute and was—yeas, 46; noes, 34. Its text is as follows:

That after ratification of this act it shall be unlawful for any one to sell or give to any minor any cigarettes and it shall be unlawful for any minor to use or smoke cigarettes and any minor found so smoking cigarettes shall be competent witness to prove from whom he received such cigarettes and evidence so given shall not be used against such minor in any prosecution against such minor for violation of this act. That any one who sells or gives to any minor any cigarettes or any minor found smoking cigarettes shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and when convicted shall be fined not more than \$10 or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

The substitute thus become the bill, then came up on the third reading. The vote on the third reading was—yeas, 66; noes, 28. On motion of Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, the vote was clinched.

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By virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Halifax County rendered at March Term 1896, in the case of Minnie V. Butts vs. Geo. W. Morris and others, I will on Monday the 1st day of March, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House in Halifax sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash, that tract of land in Halifax county, in Enfield township, whereon Geo. W. Morris resided in the year 1896, containing two hundred and twenty-five acres, which was devised by Lemuel H. Morris, deceased, to the children of Geo. W. Morris.

E. L. TRAVIS, Commissioner. Feb. 16th, 1897. 2-18-3m.

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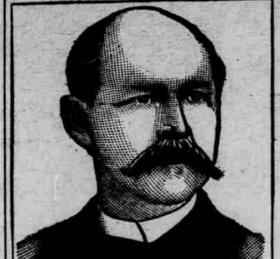
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